

Emergency Support Function #4 (ESF4) Situation Report

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011

Time: 2000

Incident Name: Hurricane Irene



Background:

Hurricane Irene made landfall as a tropical storm on the southeastern coast of Puerto Rico at 2200 hours on August 21, 2011 with 50-60 mph winds. It crossed the eastern half of the island and exited to the north increasing to hurricane strength with winds up to 80 mph.



Hurricane Irene is currently a category 3 major hurricane north of the Bahamas and offshore northeast of Miami, Florida. It is expected to travel up the east coast over the next several days, potentially impacting numerous states and FEMA Regions.

ESF4 Issues/Status:

- ESF-4 at the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) is staffed and has started 24-hour operations.
- ESF-4 for FEMA R-I is staffed for days (24-hour operations starting August 26), ESF-4 at R-II and R-III have activated and will be staffed (24-hour operations) starting August 26, and ESF-4 at R-IV is activated for 24-hour operations.
- ESF-4 has been staffed at the Joint Field Office (JFO) in Puerto Rico and will demobilize at 1900 today.



Firefighting Resources Committed:

- Three ESFLs and one ESFA NRCC
- Two ESFLs and two ESFW(t) NRCC (en route)
- One ESFL and one ESFA JFO Puerto Rico (demobed at 1900 today)
- Two ESFL R-I RRCC (one en route)
- Two ESFL R-II RRCC (en route)
- One ESFL R-III RRCC (en route)
- Four ESFLs R-IV RRCC
- Two AOBDs NRCC (one staffing the NRCC, one en route)



Other ESF4-Relevant Issues/Information:

- Anticipated mission assignments for pre-staged hand crews and IMTs are under development in FEMA R-I and R-II.
- FEMA anticipates pre-staging a total of 10 hand crews and 3 IMTs, staging locations are currently being determined.
- The NRCC will remain at FEMA HQ during the storm, hotel rooms and meals will be provided for NRCC staff for up to 72 hours starting Sunday, August 28.



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